NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT : As usual, I have received a number of adjournment motions.

The first one is from Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai and runs as follows :

> "I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the extreme necessity for the remission of 50 per cent. of the land tax including water cess for the next year, and for the staying of the coercive steps for the realisation of arrears of land revenue, on account of the miserable plight of the ryots who, owing to the recent and repeated failure of crops and the fall in the prices of agricultural produce, are unable to pay the same."

Although it is perhaps possible that all these questions will come for general review under the Demand for Land Revenue, there is also perhaps an equal possibility of the particular motion, under which this discussion will be germane, not being reached. Therefore, in view, at any rate, of the desire of Government to be in touch with popular feelings on this matter, I am quite prepared to allow the discussion of this subject if the House has no objection.

The question was put, and no objection was raised.

PRESIDENT : As no objection has been raised, I post this for discussion on Monday at 3·30 P. M.

As the House is aware, Mr. George, the Land Revenue Commissioner, has, on account of certain unforeseen circumstances, been forced to be absent from the House today. It is hoped that he may be here on Monday. His presence will be inevitable during the discussion of this important question. The next motion is—

> "I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation that has arisen as a result of the wide-spread famine in the country consequent on the failure of all kinds of crops due to belated and scanty rains."

I am not quite sure whether a discussion of this motion will cover any ground other than those which come under the previous motion which has been admitted. But, if the House is anxious to discuss this motion also separately, I have no objection.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*) : The first motion will do. We object to the second being discussed separately.

The question was put. No member was in favour of this motion being discussed separately.

PRESIDENT : The motion is not allowed as the member has not the leave of the House. The third motion is—

> "I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation arising out of the injustice done to the hundreds of acting men belonging to all communities as a result of the Public Service Commission G. O."

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[President.]

It is of course a definite matter. But, whether it is also a matter of urgent public importance, I am not quite sure. However, as there are persons who would wish to ventilate their grievances on the floor of this House, I shall not refuse opportunity for the discussion of this subject. I shall allow the motion, if no objection is taken to it.

The question was put, and no objection was raised.

No objection being raised, the motion was posted for discussion on Tuesday the 23rd July 1935 at 3-30 P. M.

PRESIDENT: There are two other motions. One is—

> "I beg leave to move that the business of the Assembly be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance *viz.*, the great loss and hardships to which the land-owners in Travancore are put by the unprecedentedly large number of auction sales that have already taken place and those for which steps are now being taken, for the recovery of the arrears of taxes under the Revenue Recovery Regulation."

It seems to me again that the motion that has already been admitted would give ample opportunity for all the members of the House to bring forward all the aspects relating to the hardships from which the landholders are suffering. I therefore think that it is not necessary to admit this motion separately.

Then the last one is about the drastic coercive steps taken by the authorities for the realisation of Government dues during the period of acute economic depression and so on. This again is more or less an issue which will arise on the general discussion on Monday on the motion which has been admitted. That again is disallowed.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

PRESIDENT: I have to announce that, under Rule 3 (2) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have nominated Messrs. A. S. Damodaran Asan and M. Sivatanu Pillai to the Panel of Chairmen for the sixth session of the Assembly.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

TAXES ON INCOME.

PRESIDENT: The next item on the agenda is Financial Business—Demands for Supplementary Grants. Owing to the absence of Mr. George, to which I have already referred, I call upon the Chief Secretary to move the demand.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 700 under Taxes on Income. The House is aware that two Income Tax Collectors have been appointed in the course of this year. The funds for the appointments were provided in the Budget, but there was no provision for the supply of the furniture required by them. The order for the furniture was placed with the Public Works Department workshops and the articles have been supplied There is no allotment in the Budget from which this amount could be met; and the Land Revenue Commissioner has therefore asked for an

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